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**NEWS from CPSC**

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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Washington, DC 20207

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April 13, 1999

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Release # 99-095

## **CPSC, Kikkerland Designs Inc. Announce Recall of Novelty Lighters**

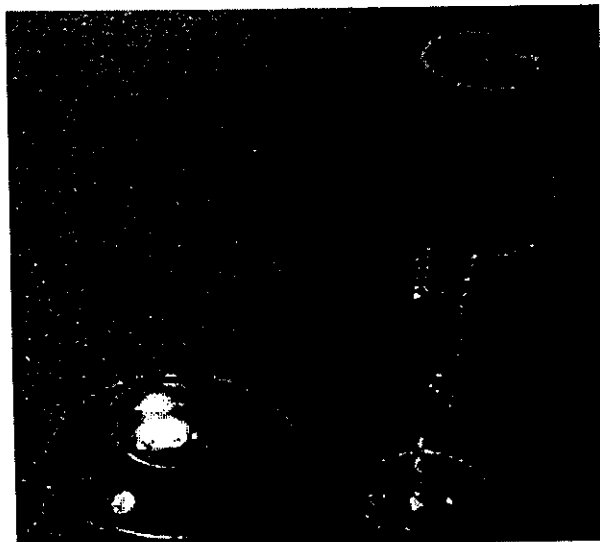
WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kikkerland Designs Inc., of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 20,000 novelty lighters. The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by the Consumer Product Safety Act. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting a fire hazard.


CPSC and Kikkerland Designs Inc. are not aware of any injuries involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The novelty lighters being recalled resemble lamps and flying saucers. The flying saucer lighter, made of silver metal and orange plastic, measures about 3.25 inches in diameter and 1.75 inches high. "UFO" is imprinted in the ignition switch and flashing lights illuminate once the switch is activated. The lamp lighter, with a blue shade, yellow pole and black base, is made of metal and measures about 6.75 inches high. It has no labeling and uses a pull chain as the ignition switch. The flame comes out of the top of the lamp shade.

Small retail stores and souvenir shops nationwide sold these lighters from March 1997 through February 1999 for about \$10.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Kikkerland Designs Inc. at (800) 869-1105 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.



  
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1999-68  
May 4, 1999

## Warning

# **HARRY, BEST and CIG brand disposable cigarette lighters pose safety hazards**

OTTAWA - Health Canada is warning consumers not to use **HARRY** brand, **BEST** brand and **CIG** brand disposable, child-resistant cigarette lighters because they do not meet various safety provisions of the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations*. The brand names are stamped into the metal flame guards of each lighter.

Tests have shown that these lighters do not meet various design and performance requirements:

**HARRY** brand lighters - the child-resistant mechanism is ineffective; poses a fire hazard to consumers since it may explode when exposed to high temperatures;

**BEST** brand lighters - may continue to burn long after the lever is released to extinguish the flame; poses a fire and safety hazard to consumers since it may explode when exposed to high temperatures; and,

**CIG** brand lighters - may continue to burn long after the lever is released to extinguish the flame; has excessive flame height; may release fuel when dropped and burst into flames.

There have been no reports of injuries in Canada.

Health Canada officials believe these lighters, all made in China, were brought into Canada via the United States. Importers of these lighters have not yet been identified. Retailers are primarily independent store owners who purchased the products from door-to-door salespersons.

Retailers are asked to immediately remove **HARRY** brand, **BEST** brand and **CIG** brand lighters from sale and to contact the nearest Product Safety Bureau for further direction.

Consumers in possession of the above-mentioned brands of lighters should stop using them immediately and dispose of them in accordance

with local laws.

Health Canada reminds consumers to keep all lighters OUT OF SIGHT and OUT OF REACH of children when not in use.

For more information, consumers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety office of Health Canada listed below:

Burnaby (604) 666-5003	Hamilton (905) 572-2845
Edmonton (403) 495-2626	Montreal (514) 283-5488
Calgary (403) 292-4677	Sillery (418) 648-4327
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502	Moncton (506) 851-6638
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490	Dartmouth (902) 426-8300
Scarborough (416) 973-4705	St. John's (709) 772-4050

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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 28, 1999

Release # 99-118

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### **Retail Chains Agree to Stop Selling Dangerous Cigarette Lighters; CPSC Seeks Civil Penalties**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Premium Tobacco Stores Inc., doing business as Cigarettes Cheaper, and The Customer Company, both headquartered in Benicia, Calif., have agreed to stop the sale of disposable cigarette lighters that fail to meet government requirements for child resistance. The retailers signed a consent decree of permanent injunction, which was submitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Under the consent decree, the stores have agreed to obtain certification from all of their suppliers that the lighters comply with federal safety standards, to inspect each lighter for adherence to the standards, and to train store employees about the requirements and instruct employees not to remove the child-resistant mechanisms or show customers how to remove the mechanisms.

As part of the same case, CPSC is seeking civil penalties from the retailers and three of their corporate officers based on past sales of non-child-resistant lighters. CPSC is charging that the stores purchased some 184,000 non-child-resistant lighters in 1996, and sold or offered to sell them to the public.

During April 1999, after previously agreeing to stop selling non-child-resistant lighters, Premium again sold or offered for sale such lighters, this time to CPSC investigators posing as consumers. In some instances, the salesperson removed the child-resistant safety mechanism in front of the investigator. The illegal acts last month took place in Premium Tobacco and Cigarettes Cheaper stores throughout California, specifically stores in Petaluma, Daly City, Alameda, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Santa Ana, Walnut Creek, Oceanside, San Marcos, Encinitas and Los Angeles (Westwood).

Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, fire loss data revealed an estimated annual average of 7,250 residential structure fires, 190 deaths and 1,290 injuries that resulted from children under 5 playing with lighters. The resulting risk of death in those fires was more than three times the risk in residential fires generally. The standard, which went into effect in July 1994, should prevent 100 to 130 fire deaths each year associated with children under age 5 playing with lighters. The estimated annual net societal savings are nearly \$500 million, consisting of reductions in deaths, injuries and property damage.

CPSC Chairman Ann Brown said, "Rarely does CPSC find a company so callously undermining our safety requirements. We will vigorously enforce this requirement that helps to prevent young children from playing with lighters and starting fires. Hundreds of Americans -- sometimes entire families -- die every year from home fires related to lighters."

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## **NEWS from CPSC**

### **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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October 4, 2001

Release # 02-005

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## **California Tobacco Company Agrees to Pay \$225,000 Fine for Selling Dangerous Cigarette Lighters**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that The Customer Company and Cigarettes Cheaper, both headquartered in Benicia, Calif., have agreed to pay \$225,000 to settle allegations that it knowingly violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by selling disposable cigarette lighters that failed to meet government requirements for child resistance. The fine settles a lawsuit that was filed by the U.S. Department of Justice in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

The CPSC alleged that The Customer Company and Cigarettes Cheaper, which operates more than 224 retail tobacco stores throughout California, violated the law in 1996 by selling cigarette lighters that were labeled as having a child-resistant safety mechanism, but in fact did not contain the mechanism. The Customer Company and Cigarette Cheaper illegally sold more than 27,000 such lighters.

In 1999, the CPSC again discovered that the defendants were illegally selling lighters in stores in Los Angeles, Daly City, Alameda, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Petaluma, Santa Ana, Walnut Creek, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Encinitas. In some stores the lighters were offered for sale without child-resistant safety mechanisms and in other stores employees were removing the safety mechanisms before selling them to consumers.

"Those selling cigarette lighters are on notice that the CPSC will not tolerate the flagrant disregard of laws intended to protect children and their families," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "The CPSC will vigorously investigate and seek prosecution of any company that knowingly violates our safety standards."

Since the enactment of the safety standard for cigarette lighters in July 1994, deaths to children are down 43%. Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, fire loss data revealed an estimated annual average of 7,250 residential structure fires, 190 deaths and 1,290 injuries that resulted from children under 5 playing with lighters. The resulting risk of death in those fires was more than three times the risk in residential fires generally.

In agreeing to settle this matter, Cigarettes Cheaper denies the CPSC's allegations and denies that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act or any other laws administered by the CPSC.

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**CONTACT: Nychelle Fleming**

June 3, 1999

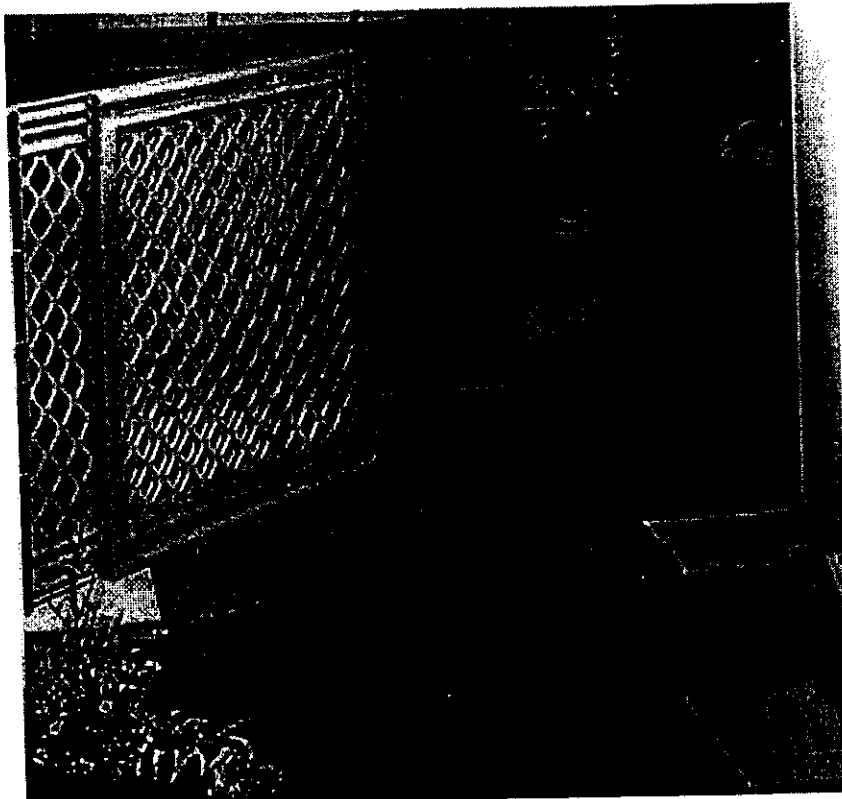
**(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1192**

Release # 99-119

**CPSC, Firms Announce Recalls of Stairway Gates and Lighters**

The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC.

**PRODUCT:** Stairway Gates - North States Industries Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn., is recalling about 3,200 stairway gates. The recalled gates are white plastic, measuring 26 inches high and can be used in openings from 26 inches to 41 inches wide. "INTENDED FOR USE WITH CHILDREN FROM 6 UP TO 24 MONTHS OF AGE...MMFG. ID NO. 8675...NORTH STATES" is on a warning sticker on the side of the gates. Ames, Ann & Hope, Hambleton & Carr, and Value City department stores nationwide sold the gates from March through April 1999 for about \$15.



**PROBLEM:** The locking mechanism can release when the gate is shaken and the gate will no longer act as the barrier it is intended to be. If the gate is placed at the top of stairs and the lock fails, a child could fall down the stairs and be injured.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** North States Industries Inc. has received one report of a gate's locking mechanism failing. No injuries have been reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these gates immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, consumers should call North States Industries Inc. at (800) 848-8421 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday.

**PRODUCT:** Cigarette Lighters - C & H Trading, of Metairie, La., is voluntarily recalling about 40,000 disposable and novelty cigarette lighters. The recalled disposable lighters are metal with a rubber coating, which is red, blue, silver, chrome or black in color. The recalled novelty lighters are shaped as cars, grenades, elephants, alligators, motorcycles, guns or telephones. The cars are metal and plastic and are red or green in color. The telephones are plastic and are black in color. The other novelty lighters are bronze-colored metal. The lighters were made in China. There is no labeling on the lighters. Small retail stores in Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, Texas and Washington sold the lighters from October 1998 through March 1999 for about \$1 to \$3. A November 1998 C & H trade show in Louisiana also sold the lighters.



**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. Consumers who bought the lighters at the trade show can obtain a refund directly through the company. For instructions on returning the lighters to the company for the refund or for more information, consumers should call C & H Trading collect at (504) 456-9251 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

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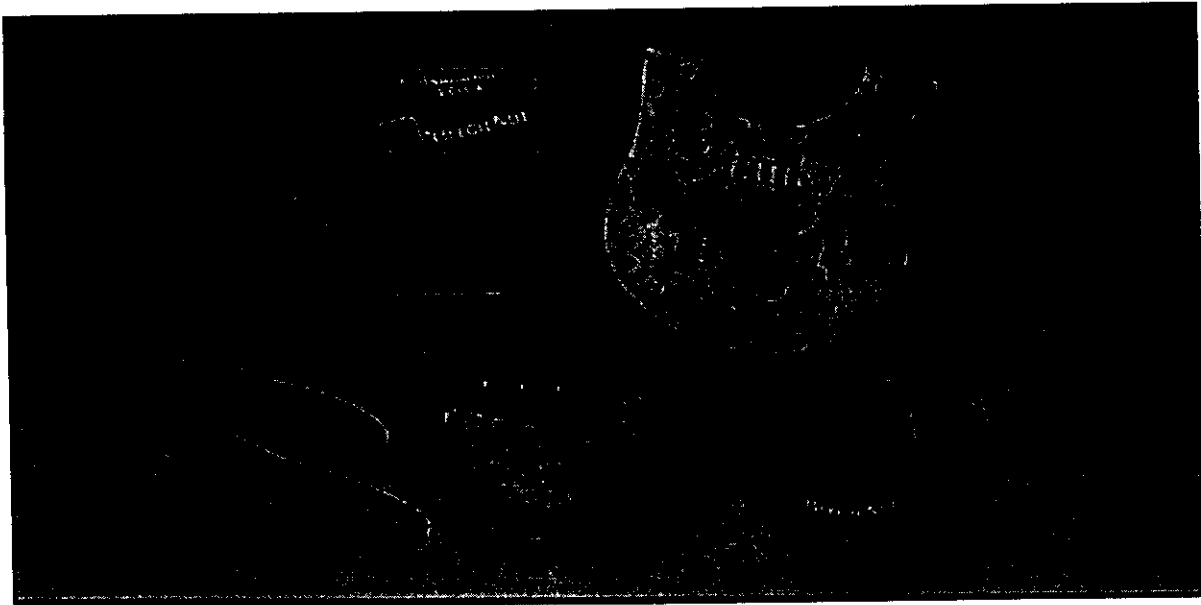
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### CPSC, Firms Announce Recalls of Toys and Lighters

The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC.

**PRODUCT:** Toys - Creative Designs International Ltd., of Feasterville, Pa., is voluntarily recalling about 7,000 toy Magic Doll Feeding Sets. Each set contains two bottles (one bottle contains formula and is decorated with an alphabet design; the other bottle is empty and is mostly orange) a plate of food, jar of baby food, box of rice, spoon, fork and a bib. "Binky...Made in China" are on the bib. The set is packaged in a box labeled in part "Binky(r)...No. 8221...MAGIC DOLL FEEDING SET...Creative Design International, Ltd...Made in China." Toy and variety stores in California, Connecticut, Kentucky, New York, Washington and Puerto Rico sold the sets from January 1998 through December 1998 for about \$5.



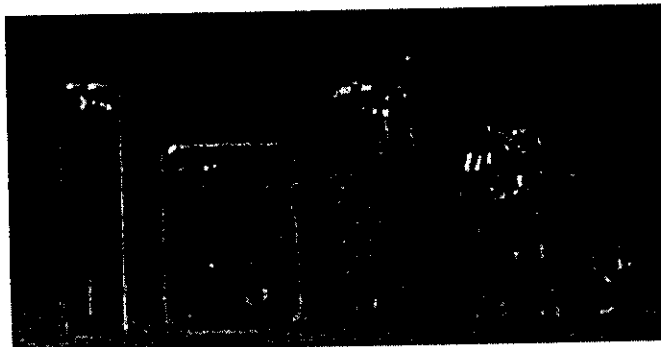
**PROBLEM:** The nipple on the orange baby bottle separates, presenting a serious choking hazard to young children.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should take this recalled toys away from young children immediately and return the toys to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information about this recall, consumers should call Creative Designs International toll-free at (888) 869-7234, or write to the company at 207 E.

Pennsylvania Blvd., Feasterville, PA 19053. Consumers in Puerto Rico can call the company collect at (215) 953-2800.

**PRODUCT:** Lighters - ZNY Enterprises Inc., of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 10,600 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters. The novelty lighters are shaped as a telephone pager, cell phone, and Godzilla. The disposable lighters are a "formal" design, which is a platinum-colored, gold-accented metal lighter. The lighters are refillable and each lighter has a sticker that reads, "MADE IN CHINA." Small retail and souvenir stores nationwide sold these lighters from January through April 1999 for about \$2 to \$6.



**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call ZNY Enterprises Inc. collect at 917-373-4289 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday. Consumers outside the New York City area should call collect.

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July 14, 1999

Release # 99-141

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### CPSC Announces Indictments in Cigarette Lighter Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that two people have been indicted on charges arising from its investigation into the removal of child safety mechanisms from disposable cigarette lighters. A federal grand jury in Tennessee charged Donald M. Anthony of Memphis with seven felony counts, including obstruction of justice and making false statements to CPSC. His former assistant, Marie A. Marrese, also of Memphis, faces four similar charges and three additional counts of making false statements to a grand jury. Anthony and Marrese operated National Marketing, a now-defunct Memphis business that distributed cigarette lighters and other merchandise to convenience stores and other distributors nationwide.

The indictments are part of an ongoing investigation by CPSC and the U.S. Justice Department into the illegal sale of cigarette lighters with their child-resistant features disabled. The indictments allege that Anthony and Marrese conspired to profit from the sale of lighters with disabled safety mechanisms and to conceal the sales from government investigators. The investigation is continuing against individuals and companies that bought lighters from National Marketing.

Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, during the period 1988-1990, an average of 150 persons were killed and nearly 1,100 injured per year as a result of residential fires started by children younger than 5 who were playing with lighters. Average annual property damage from such fires totaled almost \$70 million. "CPSC's safety standard for cigarette lighters will prevent hundreds of fires and needless deaths each year, especially many deaths to children," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "These indictments show that we will vigorously pursue criminal penalties against companies that provide false information and undermine CPSC investigations."

Each of six charges against Anthony, and each of the seven charges against Marrese, carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. One of the obstruction charges against Anthony carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

In May, CPSC announced an injunction against a California retail chain, Premium Tobacco Stores, for selling lighters with disabled child-resistant mechanisms. CPSC is seeking civil penalties from the retailer and three of its corporate officers.

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November 1, 1999

Release # 00-012

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## **Tennessee Man Pleads Guilty in Cigarette Lighter Case Investigation Targets Removal of Child-Resistant Mechanisms**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that a 51-year-old Memphis, Tenn., man has pled guilty to making a false statement to a CPSC investigator. Donald M. Anthony, a former distributor of cigarette lighters, admitted that he lied to a CPSC investigator to conceal his sale of non-child-resistant lighters. Mr. Anthony pled guilty to one felony count and faces a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000. The guilty plea resolves an indictment announced in July.

Anthony operated National Marketing, a now-defunct Memphis business that distributed cigarette lighters to convenience stores and other distributors nationwide. Anthony pled guilty to making false statements about whether National Marketing was removing the child-resistant mechanisms from lighters and then reselling them. Sentencing is scheduled for January 21, 2000.

"This case shows that the CPSC aggressively enforces our safety standards and pursues companies that undermine our investigations," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "The cigarette lighter standard prevents fires and saves lives - especially the lives of children."

Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, an average of 150 persons were killed and nearly 1,100 injured each year as a result of residential fires started by children younger than 5 who were playing with lighters. Average annual property damage from such fires totaled almost \$70 million.

The CPSC has launched investigations across the country in the past two years to recall lighters that do not meet federal standards and to prosecute companies and individuals that disable the child-resistant mechanisms. In May, CPSC announced an injunction against two California retail chains, Cigarettes Cheaper and the Customer Company, for selling lighters with disabled child-resistant mechanisms. CPSC is seeking civil penalties from the retailers and three of its corporate officers, as well as from an Arkansas distributor, American Buyers, and its corporate officer.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Consumer Litigation is representing the Commission in federal court.

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# NEWS from CPSC

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October 14, 1999

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Release # 00-004

### CPSC, Shine International Trading Co. Inc. Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shine International Trading Co. Inc., of Flushing, N.Y., is recalling about 2.4 million cigarette lighters. The lighters' child-resistant mechanisms fail to meet the requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Act. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards. Additionally, the lighters can leak fuel and remain on after consumers have used them, which also presents fire and burn hazards.

CPSC and Shine International Trading Co. Inc. have received three incident reports with these lighters. One incident involved two lighters that continued to burn after the consumer put them down, one involved two lighters that spontaneously blew apart while unattended, and one involved a lighter that burst into flames resulting in minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

The lighters being recalled are non-refillable, oval-tube-shaped, with a transparent solid-colored (red, green, yellow, orange or purple) plastic body and a metal top. The lighters measure about 3.25 inches high and 1 inch wide. "SHINE" is imprinted into the metal top of the lighter. There is a warning label on the lighter. "SHINE" and "MADE IN CHINA" are written on the label. The lighters operate with a roll and press type of ignition mechanism to produce a flame.

Small stores and souvenir shops nationwide sold these lighters from August 1998 through July 1999 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Shine International Trading Co., Inc. toll-free at (888) 491-6676 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.

U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.







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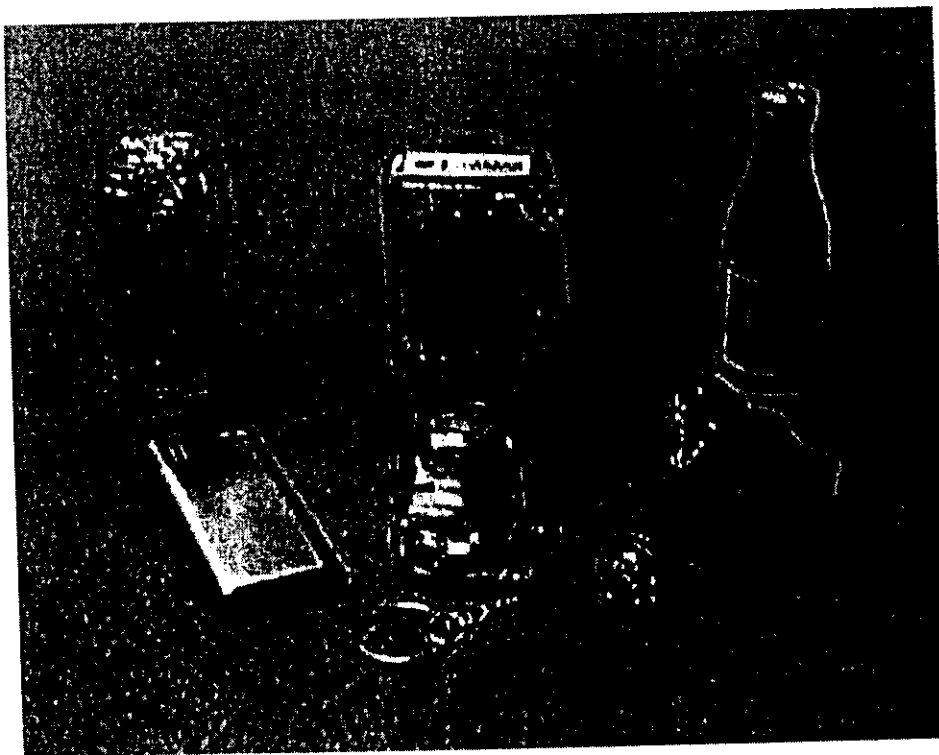
Release # 00-010

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### CPSC, Firms Recall Cigarette Lighters, and Boys Jackets and Sweatshirts

**PRODUCT:** Cigarette Lighters - Penda New York Inc., of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 22,300 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters. The novelty lighters are plastic and shaped as a "BMW" toy car with flashing lights and keychain, a "Coke" soda bottle, a "Budweiser" beer can with flashing lights, a fire extinguisher, and a telephone pager with flashing lights belt clip. The disposable lighters are silver-colored metal and are relatively flat, measuring 2.75 inches long, 1 inch wide and .25 inch thick. A "MADE IN CHINA" label is on each lighter. Small stores and souvenir shops in the New York and Miami areas sold the lighters from January 1999 through July 1999 for about \$5. U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.



**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Penda New York Inc. collect at (212) 889-6740 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

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**PRODUCT:** Boys Jackets and Sweatshirts: Montgomery Ward, of Chicago, Ill., is recalling about 780 boys hooded

# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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February 7, 2000

Release # 00-062

CONTACT: Ken Giles

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### CPSC, Prometheus International Inc. Announce Recall of Novelty Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Prometheus International Inc., of Bell, Calif., is recalling about 4,000 novelty lighters. The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by the Consumer Product Safety Act. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting a fire hazard.

These lighters were discovered by CPSC by monitoring Internet web sites as part of Operation Safe Online Shopping (SOS). Operation SOS, launched in December 1999, is a CPSC initiative that monitors web sites for recalled, illegal and potentially hazardous consumer products being sold in cyberspace.

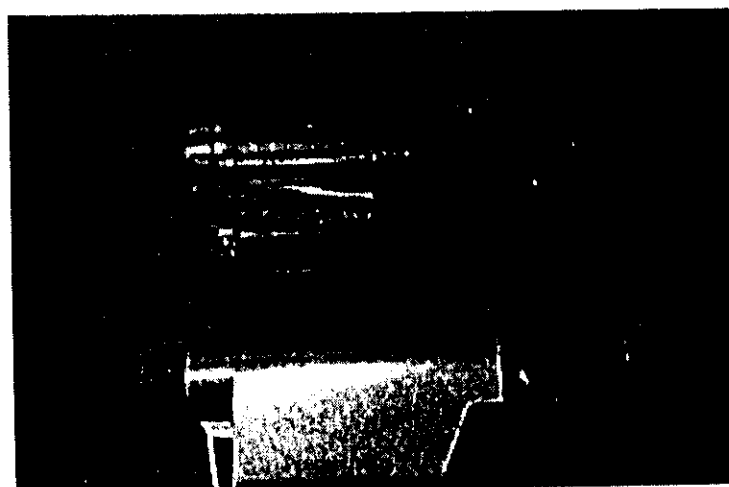
CPSC and Prometheus International Inc. are not aware of any incidents or injuries involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The Intruder model lighter looks like a miniature propane or scuba tank, with a rectangular sleeve on the side into which the bottom part of the black activation/ignition button fits. The top two-thirds of the cylindrical tank body and the sleeve are black, and the tank is clear and transparent. A label on one side of the sleeve reads "Prometheus." A cover hides the flame port.

The Jupiter model lighter has a metal body with a black top and bottom. The lighter has a distinctive gun-like shape. It has a hinged cover for the flame port. The cover opens when the ignition switch is pressed or the hinged cover is pulled back, and a high-intensity torch flame is produced. On the end opposite the flame port, a black screw-on cover hides the refill port. The brand name "Prometheus" is engraved into the lower area of one side of the lighter body.

Tobacco stores nationwide sold these lighters from March 1997 through February 1999 from \$50 to \$75. The company advertised these lighters on their web site at [www.prometheuskp.com](http://www.prometheuskp.com).

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a free replacement lighter with a child-resistant mechanism. For more information, call Prometheus at (800) 229-5233 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.





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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE

**CONTACT: Halpern Recall Hotline: (800) 624-5280**

September 28, 2000  
Release # 00-189

CPSC CONTACT: Ken Giles  
(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

### CPSC, Halpern Import Co. Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Halpern Import Co. Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., is recalling about 350,000 disposable cigarette lighters. These lighters can burn with a high flame and can fail to extinguish, presenting fire and burn hazards.

CPSC and Halpern Import Co. have received one report of a woman who received second degree burns on her chest when the lighter failed to extinguish and ignited her clothing.

The disposable cigarette lighters being recalled are oval-tube-shaped. "TURBO 2000" is printed on the body of the lighter. The lighters have a green, red, blue, black or yellow body and a metal top. A label on the lighter reads "CHILD-RESISTANT DISPOSABLE LIGHTER," "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN," and "MADE IN CHINA." UPC number 0 80692 05010 1 is printed on the back of the lighters.

Tobacco and thrift stores nationwide sold these lighters from June 1999 through May 2000 for about \$1.

Consumers immediately should stop using these lighters and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers should call Halpern Import Co. at (800) 624-5280 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



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2000-106  
October 27, 2000

## Warning

### Health Canada warns of possible dangers associated with certain disposable lighters

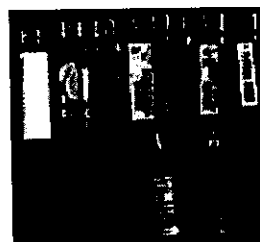
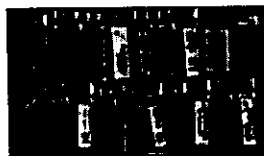
**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain brands of disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada.

Health Canada inspectors, with the assistance of Canada Customs, are refusing entry or seizing shipments of certain brands of lighters at border crossings and independent retailers.

These cigarette lighters are intended for the U.S. and do not meet Canadian safety requirements enforced by Health Canada. Most of these lighters are made in China.

The following brands of lighters are being seized:

ACTEX, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, C-LITES, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, TOUCH LITE, VIVA, WAX.



(Click on photos to enlarge.)

These lighters present fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to explode or leak gas when dropped; continue to burn when the trigger is released; explode or leak gas when exposed to heat; and, have excessive flame heights.

Health Canada is aware of a fatality in southwestern Ontario that may be associated with one of these brands of lighters.

Disposable cigarette lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labelling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. Consumers and retailers should buy only those lighters intended for the Canadian market. They will have a bilingual label, show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and have the required bilingual warning "Tenir hors de la portée des enfants-Keep out of reach of children."

Consumers who have suspect lighters should stop using them immediately and dispose of them in accordance with their local laws. Information about these laws are available from municipal government offices.

For more information or to report a cigarette lighter incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

**Telephone**

**E-mail**

Burnaby (604) 666-5003	Bby_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Edmonton (780) 495-2626	Edm_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Calgary (403) 292-4677	Cal_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502	Carla_Lorer@hc-sc.gc.ca
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490	Del_Stitt@hc-sc.gc.ca
Hamilton (905) 572-2845	Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Scarborough (416) 973-4705	Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Montréal (514) 283-5488	Danielle_Gagnon@hc-sc.gc.ca
Québec (418) 648-4327	Danielle_Gagnon@hc-sc.gc.ca
Moncton (506) 851-6638	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Dartmouth (902) 426-8300	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
St. John's (709) 772-4050	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca

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**Media inquiries:**

Andy Teliszewsky  
Health Canada  
(613) 954-3948



**Public inquiries:**

(613) 957-2991



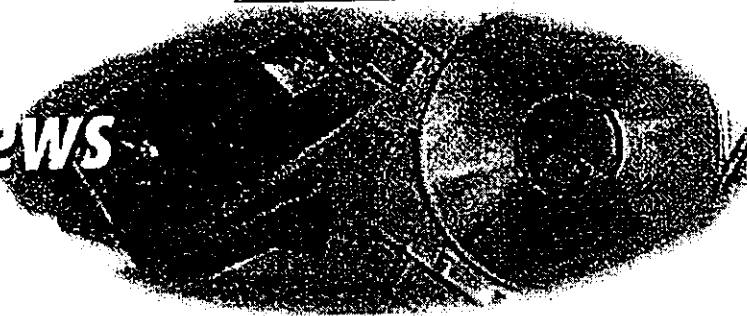
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## **Hazardous lighters found in stores (2001 August 8)**

**Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada**

2001-87  
August 8, 2001

## **Warning Hazardous lighters found in stores**

**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada.

Health Canada inspectors have recently removed hundreds of disposable lighters from convenience stores, gas stations and other retail outlets in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The importers of these lighters remain unknown, but are suspected to be individuals buying them in the United States.

These disposable cigarette lighters do not meet the current Canadian safety requirements enforced by Health Canada. They pose potential fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to explode or leak gas when dropped; continue to burn after the trigger is released; explode or leak gas when exposed to heat; and have excessive flame heights.

Disposable cigarette lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labeling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. Lighters that do not show the Canadian address of the importer and bilingual warning statements are usually poorly constructed and thus may be dangerous. Retailers who are caught selling, or offering for sale, non-compliant lighters will have them seized by Health Canada Inspectors and may face prosecution under the Hazardous Products Act.

**Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of the Act or its Regulations is liable to a fine of up to \$1 million and/or imprisonment for a term of up to two years.**

The following brands of lighters have been seized for not meeting Canadian Regulations:  
**ACTEX, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, BODA BING, C-LITES, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, TOUCH LITE, VIVA, WAX.**

If you have such a lighter, please stop using it and contact the Product Safety Office nearest you, and give them the location of the store from which you acquired it.

Consumers and retailers should buy only those lighters intended for the Canadian market. They will have a bilingual label, show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and have the required bilingual warning "**Tenir hors de la portée des enfants-Keep out of reach of children.**"

For more information or to report a cigarette lighter incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

Burnaby (604) 666-5003  
Edmonton (780) 495-2626  
Calgary (403) 292-4677  
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502  
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490  
Hamilton (905) 572-2845  
Toronto (416) 973-4705  
Montréal (514) 283-5488  
Québec (418) 648-4327  
Moncton (506) 851-6638  
Halifax (902) 426-8300  
St. John's (709) 772-4050

Bby\_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca  
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Cal\_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca  
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**Media inquiries:**

Ryan Baker  
Health Canada  
(613) 941-8189

**Public Inquiries:** (613) 957-2991



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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE      CONTACT: Cigarette Lighter Recall Hotline: (888) 251-5252**

April 5, 2001

CPSC Contact: Ken Giles

Release # 01-120

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

### CPSC, Fleetwood EXIM Inc. Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters

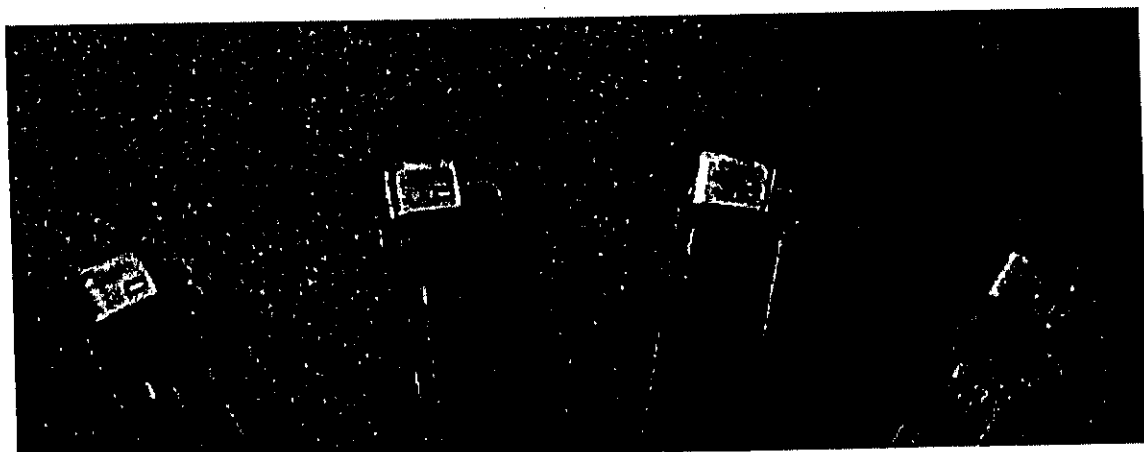
WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Fleetwood EXIM Inc. of Grenada, Miss., is voluntarily recalling about 950,000 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters have child-resistant mechanisms that do not work. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

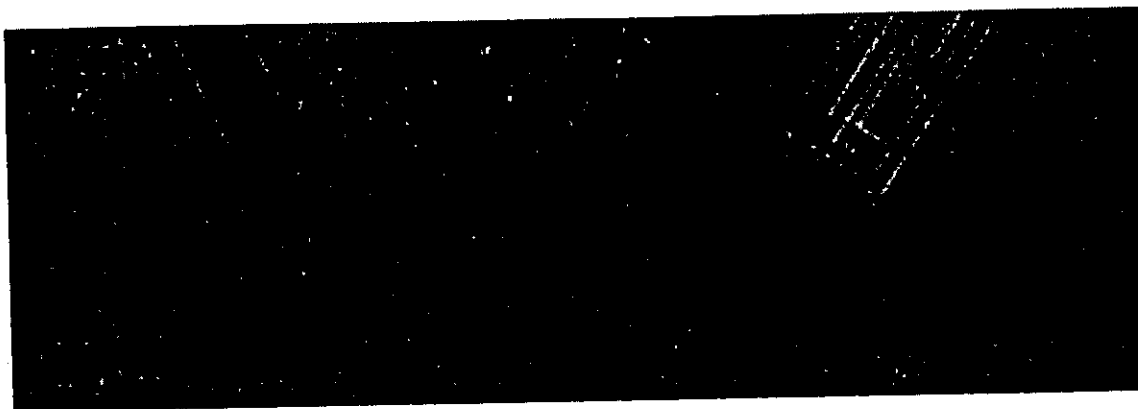
CPSC and Fleetwood EXIM Inc. have not received any reports of injuries. This recall is being conducted to prevent that possibility of injuries.

The disposable cigarette lighters being recalled are oval tube shaped with a roll and press type ignition mechanism. The lighters have a blue, orange, red or clear transparent case and a chrome metal windshield surrounding the flame port. Stamped into one side of the windshield is the brand name "youjie". A warning label on the back of the lighters reads in part, "WARNING: KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN" and "MADE IN CHINA".

Convenience, gas, and grocery stores in the southeastern region of the U.S. sold the recalled cigarette lighters from June 2000 through February 2001 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using the lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Fleetwood EXIM toll-free at (888) 251-5252 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.





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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 17, 2001

Release # 01-124

CONTACT: Lighter Recall Hotline: (877) 666-0664

CPSC CONTACT: Ken Giles

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

### **CPSC, Gladstrong Investments USA Announce Recall of Disposable Lighters** **4-Year-Old Girl Died in Fire After Playing with Firm's Lighter**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Gladstrong Investments USA, of Hacienda Heights, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 13 million disposable lighters. The lighters' child-resistant mechanisms are frequently ineffective. Young children are able to operate the lighters, posing a fire hazard.

CPSC and Gladstrong Investments have received a report of a 4-year-old girl who died after starting a fire with a Gladstrong Investments lighter and then hid in a closet. The fire caused an estimated \$72,000 in damages. In another incident, two brothers, a 4-year-old and a 6-year-old, reportedly ignited clothing and paper inside a car while playing with one of these lighters causing about \$1,500 in damages. They were not injured.

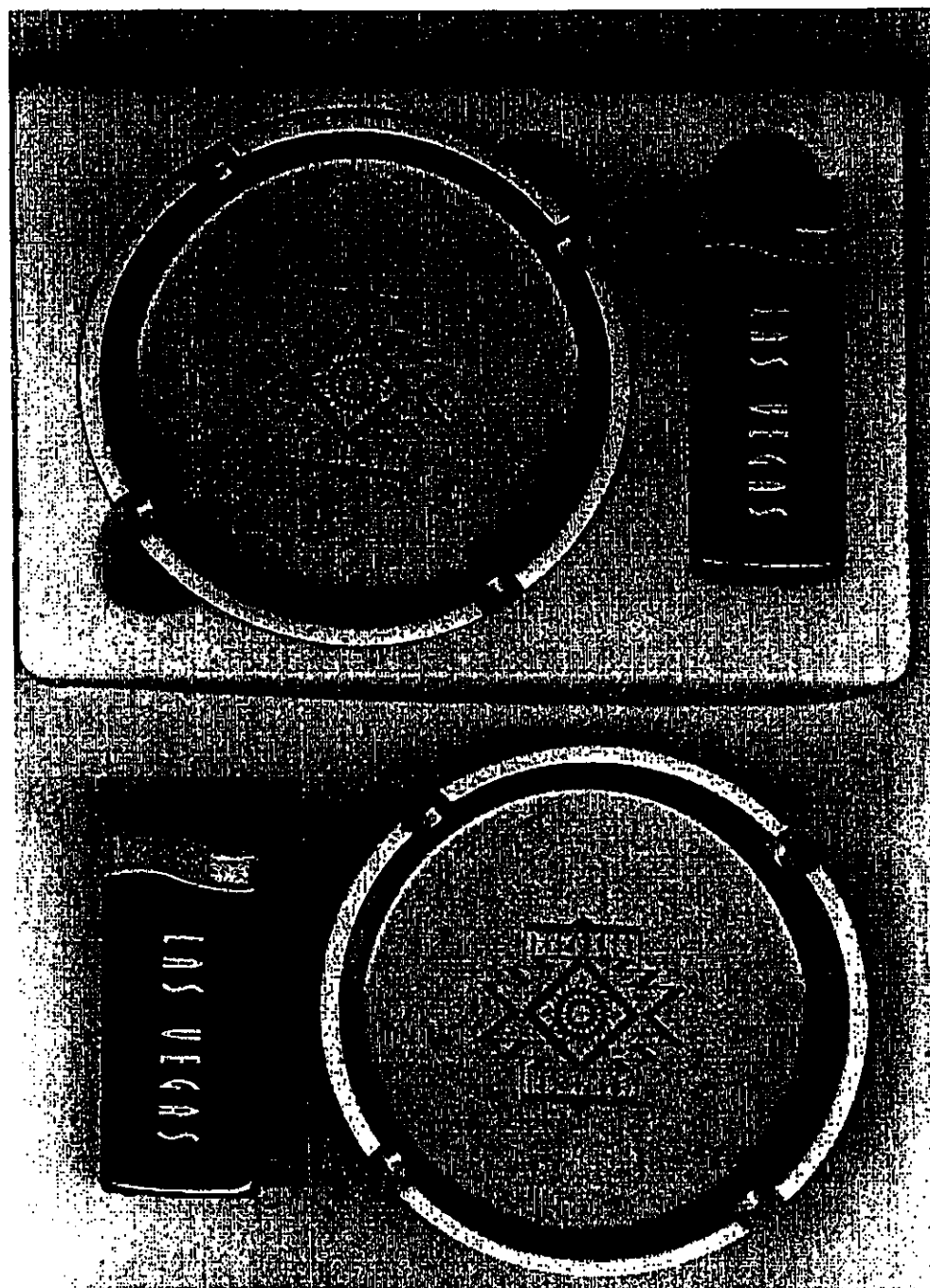
The recalled lighters have their brand name, "BODA-BING," "GIL," "HAPPY," or "WAX" stamped on both sides of their metal tops. The UPC bar code on the lighters' labels is "0-80692-99930-1," "0-295114-0" or starts with "7-55998." Writing on these lighters includes "MADE IN CHINA." The lighters were sold in various colors.

Convenience, drug and discount stores nationwide sold these lighters from January 1998 through February 2001 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Gladstrong at (877) 666-0664 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

These lighters were discovered by CPSC surveillance and from reports from the Franklin, N.H. and Kenosha, Wis. fire departments.





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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 2, 2001

Release # 01-139

CPSC CONTACT: Ken Giles

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

### CPSC, Firms Announce Recall of Novelty Cigarette Lighters and Propane Torches

The following two product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC. Please choose the appropriate recall below.

- Novelty cigarette lighters recalled by Tools Exchange Inc., of Lynwood, Calif.

Tools Exchange Inc., of Lynwood, Calif., is recalling about 5,300 novelty cigarette lighters. The lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

- Propane Torches recalled by Harbor Freight Tools, of Camarillo, Calif.

Harbor Freight Tools, of Camarillo, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 500 propane torches. The hose that comes with the propane torch can crack or burst, presenting a fire and explosion hazard.



**From:** Angela Pompey <apompey@cpsc.gov>  
**To:** CPSC Subscription List <cpscinfo-l@cpsc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/2/01 7:35PM  
**Subject:** News from CPSC - Recall and Public Calendar

**For Immediate Release**                      **Contact: Ken Giles**  
**May 2, 2001**                                      **(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1187**  
**Release # 01-139**

**CPSC, Firms Announce Recall of Novelty Cigarette Lighters and Propane Torches**

The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC. For more information about recalls, visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

**PRODUCT:** Novelty Cigarette Lighters - Tools Exchange Inc., of Lynwood, Calif., is recalling about 5,300 novelty cigarette lighters. The lighters have two brand names:

\* The "Hotery Pocke Torch" comes in various colors, including red and green, and is shaped like a fire extinguisher. It is a butane-fueled, torch-style lighter with a black plastic cap that fits over the flame port and ignition switch. "HOTERY POCKE TORCH" is written on one side of

the lighter, "Made in Taiwan" is written on a sticker on the other side,

and "PT-16" is printed on the cap. The cap is attached to the lighter's body by a linked metal chain. These lighters were sold nationwide from January 2000 through December 2000 for about \$7.

\* The "Pocket Torch" comes in red and dark gray, and is shaped like a fire hydrant. It is a butane-fueled, torch-style lighter with a black cap that fits over the flame port and ignition switch. The words "Fire Plug" appear in red inside of a black disk on both sides of the lighter.

The cap is attached to the lighter's body by a linked metal chain. These lighters were sold nationwide from January 1999 to October 2000 for about \$7.

**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Tools Exchange collect at (310) 604-4444 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

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**PRODUCT:** Propane Torches - Harbor Freight Tools, of Camarillo, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 500 propane torches. The propane torch,

measuring about 22.5 inches long, comes as a "kit" with a wand, flow valve, turbo blast trigger, hard rubber grip and a hose that attaches to

propane tanks. Writing on the hose of reads, "IN-8MM OUT-13MM BURST 525 PSI PRESSURE WORK 150 PSI MADE IN CHINA." The propane torch was sold in a clear plastic-wrap package with a white cardboard backing and contained "Harbor Freight Tools Assembly and Operating Instructions." Harbor Freight Tools stores and catalogs nationwide sold these torches from May 2000 through September 2000 for about \$20. Similar torches marked "Made in Italy," are not part of this recall.

**PROBLEM:** The hose that comes with the propane torch can crack or burst, presenting a fire and explosion hazard.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** CPSC and Harbor Freight Tools have received two reports of torch hoses cracking and then bursting into a flash flame. One consumer suffered third-degree burns on his legs, and a second consumer suffered first-degree burns to his hand and arm.

**WHAT TO DO:** Stop using the propane torches immediately. Consumers should call Harbor Freight Tools at (800) 444-3353 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

PT Monday through Friday to obtain a refund.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01139.html>. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. For information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call the above numbers or visit the web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/103.html>. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

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# Zreative Product Inc

4335 Rowland Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731

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2/27/2002

RE: Petition CP 02-1, Petition on Lighters

To Whom It May Concern:

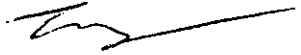
The primary purpose of this letter was to oppose the irrational request by the Lighter Association, Inc. to adopt ASTM voluntary standard as a consumer product safety standard. The petitioner asserted that unreasonable risks of injury are being created by failure to enforce the existing voluntary standard in the U.S. However, based on the report dated September 2000 from CPSC, which was to evaluate the effectiveness of the CPSC safety standard for cigarette lighters, it is estimated that the CPSC Safety Standard for cigarette lighters has reduced cigarette lighter child play fires caused by children younger than age 5 by **67%**! Taking into account the projected fire losses that would have occurred if the standard had no effect, it is estimated that the CPSC Safety Standard was responsible for reductions of 4800 fires, 130 deaths, 950 injuries, and \$76.4 million in property loss in 1998. Total societal benefits in 1998 are anticipated at \$773.9 million. Therefore, it is concluded that the Standard has been **very effective** in reducing fire losses caused by children younger than age 5 playing with cigarette lighters. The recent CPSC Standard requiring child resistant features on **multi-purpose lighters** effective on December 22, 2000, will help to further reduce these fire losses. It is note worthy that in the same study on children younger than age 5 playing with multi-purpose lighters caused an estimated 800 residential fires that resulted in about 20 deaths, 50 injuries, and \$15.6 million in property loss in 1998. With the **success** of the CPSC Safety Standard, we believe it is unnecessary to implement another Safety Standard, especially ASTM voluntary standard, which is mainly a **performance standard**. Its main concern is to enhance the quality of the cigarette lighter, not for the purpose of child safety. That is why the advocates of the ASTM standard sell their lighters at a much higher prices (10 times or more) than those who carry only CPSC compliant child safety standard lighters.

Moreover, one of the departments of Hazardous Products Central Laboratory, known as State Administration of Import and Export Inspection of China (SACI) in Tianjin, has already implemented (starting June of 2001) the ASTM standard testing on lighters before it is allowed to export. According to Mr. Kendall Woo, the Regional Product Safety Manager of the Health Canada, China had sent a team of experts, leading by the current Director of the Lighter Laboratory Mr. Li-bing Wang, to Product Safety Laboratory in Ottawa, Canada, few years ago to learn all the necessary technique of how to employ ASTM standard on their lighters. As a matter of fact, the

Canadian government now accepts the testing of lighters in China as a legitimate substitution for that of Canada. This further proves that the petition from the Lighter Association, Inc is **redundant** and meaningless.

In conclusion, the adopting of the ASTM standard as a consumer product safety standard will have an adverse impact on the economy of our society. The lower, middle income classes will have to pay a lot more on lighters due to the increase cost in this needless testing. In addition, it is a waste of CPSC already inadequate manpower to manage this extra testing procedure. The goal of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate the "Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters" in 1994 was to reduce the fire deaths caused by young children, NOT the superior performance or quality of the lighter. Last but not the least, since China is already doing the ASTM testing, why should we waste our time, effort and money to duplicate the work?

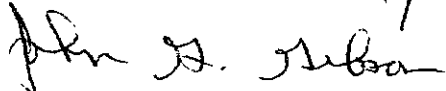
Respectfully yours,



Tommy Wong

N.B. Followings are a list of Importers with their signatures to show their support on this letter. In addition, the Safety Lighter Association International also back up the idea against the petition (CP 02-1) by signing underneath.

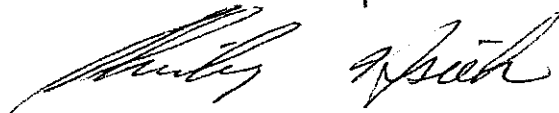
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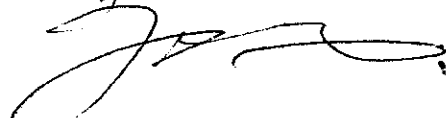
Golden Star USA Group. President



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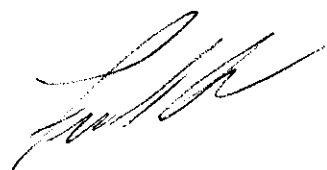
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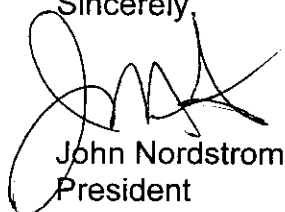
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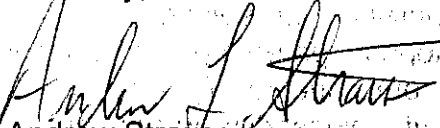
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Sunday, April 14th, 2002

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Sub: Comment on Petition CP02-01, Petition on Lighters

To Whom IT May Concern:

This letter represents the comments of the Safety Lighter Association International (SLAI) on the petition filed by the Lighter Association requesting that ASTM F400-00, Safety Standard for Lighters, be adopted as a mandatory consumer product safety standard (Petition).

SLAI supports the petition of the Lighter Association requesting that ASTM F400-00 Safety Standard for Lighters be adopted as a mandatory consumer product Safety standard versus the current voluntary standard status. We strongly believe that adopting the standard will no doubt improve the performance and therefore increase the quality of lighters. It will be beneficial to US consumers and benefit the manufacturers in the long-run.

In addition, we would like to make the following comments:

1. The basis of the Petition is that ASTM F400-00 is a law in both Canada and Mexico, and the above two countries are our North American trading partners. The Lighter Association fears that some of the disposable lighters from China that do not meet ASTM F400-00 standard are prohibited entry into these two countries may end up here in the United States.

It is obvious that the Petition mainly concerns that the disposable lighters from China do not meet ASTM F400-00 standard. However, starting June 2001, China has implemented a mandatory inspection standard (SN 0761-1999, Rules for Inspection of Export Dangerous Goods (Lighter) for all export lighters. This standard is identical to that of ASTM F400-97 and Canada Hazardous Goods (Lighter) Regulations. Only the lighters that meet the standards are allowed to be out of China. SLAI believes that all lighters imported from China after June 2001 have already met ASTM F400-00 standard.

It is coincidental that in about the same time frame, Lighter Association sent the petition to CPSC requesting to adopt ASTM F400-00 as a mandatory standard. As we now know, TianJin laboratory, the central testing laboratory of State Administration of Import & Export Inspection Bureau of China, started

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implementing the mandatory inspection standard which is identical to ASTM F400-00 in that time too. It is very likely that Lighter Association might not be aware of that fact when they sent the petition to CPSC.

Given the above, we cannot help but feel the redundancy to adopt ASTM F400 as a mandatory standard versus its current voluntary status. Is it really necessary to adopt ASTM F400 as a mandatory when the major concern of non ASTM F400-00 tested lighters entering the U.S. market no longer exists?

In light of this, we feel that much research needs to be done to weigh the benefit and the cost associated with adopting ASTM F400 as a mandatory standard. We strongly believe that concerned CPSC officials will go through the process very seriously.

2. If the ASTM F400-00 becomes the law, the enforcement measures should be applied evenly regardless of the origin of the lighters. The future regulation should also address the characteristic difference between disposable lighters (made out of plastic) and piezoelectric refillable lighters (mainly made out of metal).

3. Authorizing TianJin Testing Laboratory as a compliance assurance testing laboratory.

According to the mandatory inspection standard of China (SN 0761-1999, Rules for Inspection of Export Dangerous Goods for all export lighters), all lighters **must be tested** by the State Administration of Import & Export Inspection Bureau of China before they can leave the country. The tests are done in its TianJin central testing laboratory. With the help from Health Canada, TianJin testing laboratory use the same ASTM F400-00 standards to conduct the tests, and the testing procedures are identical to the procedures used by the test laboratories of the Health Canada.

Accepting testing results from TianJin laboratory will also be cost effective, convenient and more efficient for lighter manufacturers and importers. In this way, manufacturers only need send their lighters to TianJin laboratory for ASTM F400-00 testing before exportation. This will no doubt decrease the cost associated, reduce lead time, which in turn will drop the cost of the subject lighters and therefore benefit consumers.

It is commonly acceptable for testing to be done by reputable foreign testing laboratories. For instance, the Guangdong Import & Export Toy Inspection Center of China has been performing testing for toys according to ASTM and CE

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standards, and the testing results are accepted worldwide. FDA also accepts testing results done in China on regulated products.

**In conclusion**, SLAI strongly believes that adopting ASTM F400 standard as a mandatory standard will help increase the quality of lighters. But whether it will be a redundancy and whether the benefit outweighs the cost remain to be discovered. Given adopting ASTM F400 as a mandatory standard, then please kindly consider authorizing TianJin laboratory as a compliance assurance testing laboratory.

Sincerely  
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cc: SLAI membership;

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On April 14, 2002, Safety Lighter Association International (SLAI) submitted a comment on the petition filed by the Lighter Association Requesting that ASTM F400-00, Safety Standard for Lighters, be adopted as a mandatory consumer product safety standard (Petition). On November 19, 2002, Lighter Association submitted reply comments, challenging the fact which was stated in SLAI comment, that starting June 2001, China has implemented a mandatory inspection standard identical to that of ASTM F400-97 and Product Safety Canadian Laws and Regulations, and that only the lighters that meet the standards are allowed to leave from China. Lighter Association stated in their reply comments that Lighter Association sent eleven lighters for testing and concluded that none of these lighters being tested comply with ASTM 400 standards. Lighter Association again urges the Commission to promptly accept their Petition.

After carefully reviewing the reply comments of Lighter Association, Inc., we would like to make the following comments:

1. Petition stated that "The Lighter Association purchased these lighters in late 2001 and early 2002". It did not indicate where these eleven lighters were obtained, when they were manufactured or imported into the United States. Please take note that the new China inspection standard was published on June 1, 2001 and was effective on September 1, 2001. We believe that some of the 11 lighters being tested were manufactured and imported before the new inspection standard became effective. A further review and research confirm that some of the lighters being tested were manufactured and imported as early as 1995. Here are some examples:

- A: Spin-N-Lite Imported by Centerfire Inc., Los Angeles, CA. This company stopped importing this brand in 2000.
- B: Lite-Up Imported by Spec Enterprises, S. El Monte, CA. This company stopped importing this brand in early 1996.
- C: Wax Imported by Gladstrong Investments USA, Hacienda Heights, CA. This company stopped importing this brand in April 2001.

2. Among the 11 lighters being tested, there are three lighters: Roll-N-Lite, Liberty Lites, and New York Lighters, that not only passed the test from the central testing lab of hazardous products in China; they also passed the test from the testing lab approved by Health Canada of Canadian government. Today, these lighters not only are being sold in the United States, they are also being sold in Canada, where ASTM standard has been adopted. According to Manufacturer Poly City Enterprise Limited, the quality testing standard for lighters exported to the United States are the same as the lighters being exported to Canada. If these lighters have not caused injuries to Canadian consumers, they will not cause injured to USA consumers either.

In fact, the rate of incident occurrence relating to lighters has dropped noticeably ever since child-resistant standard has become effective. Furthermore, the quality of lighters imported from China has improved dramatically since 2001 when China adopted inspection standard for exportation lighters. According to our research, in 2002, incidents caused by quality of lighters decreased

dramatically. Therefore; all SLAI members agree that observations should be continued on the effectiveness of the regulations requesting all lighters being tested before exportation. Meanwhile, we hope that CPSC send officers to China Testing Lab for inspection.

In Conclusion, once again, all members of SLAI strongly believe that adopting ASTM F400 standard as a mandatory standard will help increase the quality of lighters. But whether it will be a redundancy and whether the benefit outweighs the cost, remains to be researched. We strongly believe that concerned CPSC officials will go through the process very seriously.

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**Re: Draft Strategic Plan**

Dear Patsy:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Draft Strategic Plan which will guide the CPSC for the next six years. We commend the Commission on its openness and its effort to include all viewpoints in this process.

We applaud the Commission's decision to maintain fire safety as one of its primary strategic goals. As you know, the Lighter Association has strongly supported the two child resistancy regulations cited in your report. See Draft Strategic Plan at 9. We would hope that this emphasis on fire safety would also extend to general lighter safety standards.

On November 27, 2001, the Lighter Association filed a Petition requesting that the existing ASTM voluntary safety standard, ASTM F400-00, be reviewed by the Commission and adopted as a mandatory safety standard. In that Petition, we noted that the United States is the only country in North America that does not have a mandatory lighter safety standard. Both of our NAFTA partners have adopted ASTM F400 as a mandatory law or regulation. We further noted that Canada routinely bans the sale of disposable, refillable and utility lighters that do not meet Canadian safety requirements (which are based on the ASTM F400 standard). See Warning issued by Health Canada on June 24, 2003, attached. Many of these same lighters are then imported into the United States, spreading the possibility of injury and death in the states.

We understand that the Commission's staff is preparing a briefing package on this Petition. In light of the Commission's strategic goal to reduce fire deaths and its commitment to "pursue mandatory standards, where appropriate, to reduce the risk of fire death deaths related to consumer products" (Draft Strategic Plan at 10), we would strongly urge the Commission to grant the petition and proceed with a rulemaking on this important topic. We would note that there are still, on average, over 10 adult deaths and over 1000 injuries per year from cigarette lighters. See Tables 12 and 17 from 1998 Residential Fire Loss Estimates, attached. These

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incidents are not deterred by the existing child resistancy standards, but stem from unsafe lighters. Clearly, if lighters are not safe to be sold in Canada or Mexico, they should not be sold in the United States.

We urge the Commission to take this issue into consideration in adopting and implementing its new strategic plan.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David", with a large, stylized initial "D" that loops around the first part of the name.

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## Warning

Health Canada warns of possible dangers associated with certain lighters

**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain lighters, both refillable and disposable, being sold illegally in Canada. The warning applies to both cigarette lighters and utility lighters.

These lighters pose potential fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to: explode or leak gas when dropped, continue to burn after the trigger is released, explode or leak gas when exposed to heat, and have excessive flame heights.

Lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labelling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations.

Health Canada inspectors have recently removed thousands of disposable and refillable lighters from convenience stores, gas stations and other retail outlets across Canada. These lighters do not meet the current Canadian safety requirements. The importers of these lighters remain unknown, but are suspected to be individuals directly importing them into Canada.

Retailers who are caught selling, or offering for sale, non-complying lighters could have them seized by Health Canada inspectors. Additionally, they may face prosecution under the *Hazardous Products Act*.

The following brands of lighters are among those seized for not meeting Canadian requirements:

ACTEX, ALPINE, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, BODA BING, CIG, C-LITES, EAGLE LITES EASYWAY, ELITE, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, MEIBAI 3000, ONE PLUS, REGAL LIGHT, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, SUN LITE, TOUCH LITE, W-PUSH-LITE, VIVA, WAX.

If you have such a lighter, please stop using it and contact the Product Safety Office nearest you to inform Health Canada of the location of the store from which you acquired the product. Lighters that do not show the Canadian address of the importer as well as bilingual warning statements are usually being sold illegally and are often dangerous due to poor construction.

Consumers and retailers must buy only lighters intended for the Canadian

market. These lighters will show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and will also have the following bilingual warning: "Keep out of reach of children - Tenir hors de la portée des enfants."

For more information or to report a lighter related incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

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**TABLE 12**  
**ESTIMATED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE DEATHS**  
**SELECTED PRODUCTS, 1994-1998**

Product	1980	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>4,560</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>2,660</b>
<b>By Form of Heat of Ignition</b>						
<b>Cigarette, Other Tobacco Prod.</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Match</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>
Child Play	190	130	90	70	90	80
Other	30	10	20	20	10	10
<b>Lighter</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>140</b>
Child Play	240	230	190	130	160	130
Other	30	30	10	20	10	10
<b>Candle</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>By Form of Material First Ignited</b>						
<b>Upholstered Furniture</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>520</b>
Smoking Material Ignition	1,180	440	520	510	470	370
Open Flame Ignition	130	140	80	50	50	100
Other	40	110	80	80	120	40
<b>Mattress, Bedding</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>410</b>
Smoking Material Ignition	500	230	270	330	230	250
Open Flame Ignition	130	150	90	100	100	80
Other	210	90	120	230	130	80
<b>Other Materials</b>						
Electric Cable Insulation	160	170	140	160	80	130
Interior Wall Covering	530	170	240	200	210	190
Wearing Apparel-Worn	140	120	150	120	130	110
Wearing Apparel-Not Worn	100	110	90	120	80	80
Floor Covering	140	90	70	90	120	70
Curtains, Drapes	20	60	20	20	30	20
Magazine, Newspaper	70	60	30	50	70	10
Thermal Insulation	10	10	10	*	10	*
Cabinet, Desk	70	60	50	80	90	60
Trash, Rubbish	100	40	60	80	30	60
Toy, Game	*	*	*	20	10	*

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/EPHA, from data obtained from the U.S. Fire Administration and NFPA.

Note: Estimates exclude losses from incendiary and suspicious fires. Fire estimates are rounded to the nearest 100.

Death and injury estimates are rounded to the nearest 10. Property loss is rounded to the nearest tenth of a million.

Estimates less than 10 are denoted by an asterisk (\*). Selected product categories presented; subtotals do not add up to heading totals.

TABLE 17  
ESTIMATED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE INJURIES  
SELECTED PRODUCTS, 1994-1998

Product	1980	1994	1995	1996	1997	- 1998
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>18,350</b>	<b>17,540</b>	<b>17,010</b>	<b>17,030</b>	<b>16,080</b>	<b>15,260</b>
<b>By Form of Heat of Ignition</b>						
<b>Cigarette, Other Tobacco Prod.</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,990</b>
<b>Match</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>610</b>
Child Play	810	690	640	600	730	470
Other	330	220	250	170	160	140
<b>Lighter</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>920</b>
Child Play	800	1,610	1,300	1,110	810	820
Other	160	160	140	90	80	100
<b>Candle</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>By Form of Material First Ignited</b>						
<b>Upholstered Furniture</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,420</b>
Smoking Material Ignition	2,040	870	910	980	750	760
Open Flame Ignition	540	430	430	360	450	410
Other	380	280	300	260	220	250
<b>Mattress, Bedding</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>2,260</b>
Smoking Material Ignition	1,530	870	750	750	720	690
Open Flame Ignition	770	1,300	1,130	1,030	910	980
Other	790	660	610	630	580	600
<b>Other Materials</b>						
Electric Cable Insulation	580	780	850	740	670	690
Interior Wall Covering	830	500	570	530	520	780
Wearing Apparel-Worn	290	190	190	200	190	160
Wearing Apparel-Not Worn	450	820	630	770	720	610
Floor Covering	380	330	480	410	410	320
Curtains, Drapes	320	290	220	390	350	270
Magazine, Newspaper	160	170	280	260	230	140
Thermal Insulation	100	110	120	70	80	50
Cabinet, Desk	310	350	400	550	420	430
Trash, Rubbish	590	490	400	360	290	320
Toy, Game	40	60	70	80	80	30

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/EPHA, from data obtained from the U.S. Fire Administration and NFPA.

Note: Estimates exclude losses from incendiary and suspicious fires. Fire estimates are rounded to the nearest 100.

Death and injury estimates are rounded to the nearest 10. Property loss is rounded to the nearest tenth of a million.

Estimates less than 10 are denoted by an asterisk (\*). Selected product categories presented; subtotals do not add up to heading totals.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**U.S. LIGHTER ASSOCIATION FILES PETITION FOR GENERAL SAFETY STANDARD**

*Goal is to address unsafe imports, end disparity of safety regulations*

Washington, D.C. – November 27, 2001 – The Lighter Association, the national trade association of the lighter industry whose members include all of the major manufacturers and distributors of lighters in the U.S., today filed a petition with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requesting a mandatory lighter safety standard under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA).

The petition calls for a general safety standard that would complement the existing mandatory CPSC child resistancy standard for lighters. This action is in direct response to the Association's concern regarding the growing number of unsafe lighters being imported into the U.S., as evidenced by numerous product recalls in recent months. Specifically, the Lighter Association is asking that the ASTM F400-00, Safety Standard for Lighters, which is currently a *voluntary* safety standard in the U.S., be adopted as a *mandatory* consumer product safety standard enforceable under the CPSA.

In its petition, the Lighter Association notes that, "The Association is making the somewhat unusual request that a voluntary consensus standard be adopted as a mandatory standard under the CPSA because of its concern that unreasonable risks of injury are being created by failure to enforce the existing voluntary standard in the U.S."

**Mandatory Standards in Canada and Mexico**

Furthermore, the petition explains that unlike Canada and Mexico, where the ASTM standard has the "force and effect of law," the ASTM F400 is "merely a *voluntary* standard in the U.S., ...[and because the CPSC] ...does not have the authority to enforce the standard, millions of lighters which fail to comply with the standard are dumped in the U.S. market every week."

The petition points out that, "The irony of the situation is that most disposable lighters imported into the U.S. are now child-resistant, in compliance with the CPSC child resistancy standard (16 C.F.R. Part 1210 (2000)), but do not meet general minimum safety standards followed by the U.S. lighter industry since the adoption of the ASTM F400 standard in 1975."

The ASTM F400 standard provides a range of stringent tests covering flame height, proper extinguishing, exposure to hot and cold temperatures and a "drop" test, as well as requirements for internal pressure and fuel levels.

The Association has asked the CPSC to docket the petition for public comment. A complete copy of the petition can be found on the Association's website: [www.lighterassociation.org](http://www.lighterassociation.org).

The Lighter Association is a non-profit trade association formed by the U.S. lighter industry in 1986. Its members include all of the major U.S. manufacturers and distributors of lighters doing business in the U.S.

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# Lighter Association Inc.



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August 26, 2003

Mr. Todd A. Stevenson  
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**Re: Petition CP-02-1; Supplemental Comments Filed by Safety Lighter Association International**

Dear Todd:

In early August, it was brought to our attention that the Safety Lighter Association International (SLAI) had submitted a supplemental comment on the Lighter Association Petition by sending an email dated Sunday, June 22, 2003 to you and Barbara Jacobson. A copy of this email is attached. In light of this new submission, we thought that it would be appropriate for the Lighter Association to comment on the filing.

The background of this issue is that the Lighter Association has alleged in its November 27, 2001 Petition, and continues to allege, that millions of lighters are being imported daily that are not in compliance with the current ASTM F400-00 voluntary safety standard for lighters. The Lighter Association has requested that the voluntary standard be made into a mandatory standard through the CPSC rulemaking process. In response to that Petition, SLAI stated on April 14, 2002, in its initial comments, that China, the source of many imported lighters, had adopted new procedures whereby effective June 1, 2001, all lighters would be tested by a national testing lab in China.

In response to that allegation, the Lighter Association engaged an independent testing company and tested 11 different lighters imported from China. None of the lighters passed all of the ASTM F400 tests.

In their email submission referenced above, SLAI now states that the standard did not actually go into effect until September 1, 2001, and that many of the lighters tested by the Lighter Association were manufactured prior to that date and the companies responsible for those lighters have gone out of business. It is indeed ironic that many of the manufacturers whose products were tested and failed, allegedly stopped doing business in 2000 or 2001 – just prior to the adoption of this new testing standard in China!

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In addition, SLAI alleges that three lighters, Roll-N-Lite, Liberty Lites and New York Lighters, passed not only the tests at the central testing lab in China, but passed a battery of tests imposed by Health Canada. If that is the case, why did Health Canada warn Canadians of Roll-N-Lite, Liberty Lites and C-Lites lighters on October 27, 2000, August 8, 2001 **and most recently on June 24, 2003?** See attached Health Canada Press Releases. The SLAI story does not hold water!

Finally, many of our members now manufacture in China and have never encountered a request for testing from any central testing lab. The inspectors must have missed these facilities!

In summary, the Lighter Association continues to have serious doubts as to whether many of the approximately 400 million lighters imported from China are ever tested. As the Lighter Association has indicated in the past, it urges the Commission to move forward and issue an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on lighters. In the event that an ANPR is not issued, the Lighter Association will pursue all available remedies to ensure that all imported lighters are subjected to the ASTM F400-00 safety standard.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure



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US Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Washington, DC 20207

Re: Petition CP 02-1, Petition on Lighters

To Whom It May Concern:

On April 14, 2002, Safety Lighter Association International (SLAI) submitted a comment on the petition filed by the Lighter Association Requesting that ASTM F400-00, Safety Standard for Lighters, be adopted as a mandatory consumer product safety standard (Petition). On November 19, 2002, Lighter Association submitted reply comments, challenging the fact which was stated in SLAI comment, that starting June 2001, China has implemented a mandatory inspection standard identical to that of ASTM F400-97 and Product Safety Canadian Laws and Regulations, and that only the lighters that meet the standards are allowed to leave from China. Lighter Association stated in their reply comments that Lighter Association sent eleven lighters for testing and concluded that none of these lighters being tested comply with ASTM 400 standards. Lighter Association again urges the Commission to promptly accept their Petition.

After carefully reviewing the reply comments of Lighter Association, Inc., we would like to make the following comments:

1. Petition stated that "The Lighter Association purchased these lighters in late 2001 and early 2002". It did not indicate where these eleven lighters were obtained, when they were manufactured or imported into the United States.

Please take note that the new China inspection standard was published on June 1, 2001 and was effective on September 1, 2001. We believe that some of the 11 lighters being tested were manufactured and imported before the new inspection standard became effective. A further review and research confirm that some of the lighters being tested were manufactured and imported as early as 1995. Here are some examples:

- A: Spin-N-Lite - Imported by Centerfire Inc., Los Angeles, CA.  
This company stopped importing this brand in 2000.
- B: Lite-Up - Imported by Spec Enterprises, S. El Monte, CA.  
This company stopped importing this brand in early 1996.
- C: Wax - Imported by Gladstrong Investments USA, Hacienda Heights, CA.  
This company stopped importing this brand in April 2001.

2. Among the 11 lighters being tested, there are three lighters: Roll-N-Lite, Liberty Lites, and New York Lighters, that not only passed the test from the central testing lab of hazardous products in China; they also passed the test from the testing lab approved by Health Canada of Canadian government.

Today, these lighters not only are being sold in the United States, they are also being sold in Canada, where ASTM standard has been adopted. According to Manufacturer Poly City Enterprises Limited, the quality testing standard for lighters exported to the United States are the same as the lighters being exported to Canada. If these lighters have not caused injuries to Canadian consumers, they will not cause injured to USA consumers either.

In fact, the rate of incident occurrence relating to lighters has dropped noticeably ever since child-resistant standard has become effective. Furthermore, the quality of lighters imported from China has improved dramatically since 2001 when China adopted inspection standard for exportation lighters. According to our research, in 2002, incidents caused by quality of lighters decreased dramatically. Therefore, all SLAI members agree that observations should be continued on the effectiveness of the regulations requesting all lighters being tested before exportation. Meanwhile, we hope that CPSC send officers to China Testing Lab for inspection.

In Conclusion, once again, all members of SLAI strongly believe that adopting ASTM F400 standard as a mandatory standard will help increase the quality of lighters. But whether it will be a redundancy and whether the benefit outweighs the cost, remains to be researched. We strongly believe that concerned CPSC officials will go through the process very seriously.

Sincerely,

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June 24, 2003

For immediate release

**Warning****Health Canada warns of possible dangers associated with certain lighters**

**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain lighters, both refillable and disposable, being sold illegally in Canada. The warning applies to both cigarette lighters and utility lighters.

These lighters pose potential fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to: explode or leak gas when dropped, continue to burn after the trigger is released, explode or leak gas when exposed to heat, and have excessive flame heights.

Lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labelling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations.

Health Canada inspectors have recently removed thousands of disposable and refillable lighters from convenience stores, gas stations and other retail outlets across Canada. These lighters do not meet the current Canadian safety requirements. The importers of these lighters remain unknown, but are suspected to be individuals directly importing them into Canada.

Retailers who are caught selling, or offering for sale, non-complying lighters could have them seized by Health Canada inspectors. Additionally, they may face prosecution under the *Hazardous Products Act*.

The following brands of lighters are among those seized for not meeting Canadian requirements:

ACTEX, ALPINE, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, BODA BING, CIG, C-LITES, EAGLE LITES EASYWAY, ELITE, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, MEIBAI 3000, ONE PLUS, REGAL LIGHT, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, SUN LITE, TOUCH LITE, W-PUSH-LITE, VIVA, WAX.

If you have such a lighter, please stop using it and contact the Product Safety Office nearest you to inform Health Canada of the location of the store from which you acquired the product. Lighters that do not show the Canadian address of the importer as well as bilingual warning statements are usually being sold illegally and are often dangerous due to poor construction.

Consumers and retailers must buy only lighters intended for the Canadian

market. These lighters will show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and will also have the following bilingual warning: "Keep out of reach of children - Tenir hors de la portée des enfants."

For more information or to report a lighter related incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Vancouver	(604) 666-5003	<a href="mailto:Bby_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Bby_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Calgary	(403) 292-4677	<a href="mailto:Cal_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Cal_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Edmonton	(780) 495-2626	<a href="mailto:Edm_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Edm_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
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Winnipeg	(204) 983-5490	<a href="mailto:Mb_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Mb_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Hamilton	(905) 572-2845	<a href="mailto:Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Toronto	(416) 973-4705	<a href="mailto:Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Montréal	(514) 283-5488	<a href="mailto:Quebec_Prod@hc-sc.gc.ca">Quebec_Prod@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Québec	(418) 648-4327	<a href="mailto:Quebec_Prod@hc-sc.gc.ca">Quebec_Prod@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Moncton	(506) 851-6638	<a href="mailto:Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
Halifax	(902) 426-8300	<a href="mailto:Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca">Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
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## **Hazardous lighters found in stores (2001 August 8)**

**Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada**

2001-87  
August 8, 2001

### **Warning Hazardous lighters found in stores**

**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada.

Health Canada inspectors have recently removed hundreds of disposable lighters from convenience stores, gas stations and other retail outlets in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The importers of these lighters remain unknown, but are suspected to be individuals buying them in the United States.

These disposable cigarette lighters do not meet the current Canadian safety requirements enforced by Health Canada. They pose potential fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to explode or leak gas when dropped; continue to burn after the trigger is released; explode or leak gas when exposed to heat; and have excessive flame heights.

Disposable cigarette lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labeling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. Lighters that do not show the Canadian address of the importer and bilingual warning statements are usually poorly constructed and thus may be dangerous. Retailers who are caught selling, or offering for sale, non-compliant lighters will have them seized by Health Canada Inspectors and may face prosecution under the Hazardous Products Act.

**Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of the Act or its Regulations is liable to a fine of up to \$1 million and/or imprisonment for a term of up to two years.**

The following brands of lighters have been seized for not meeting Canadian Regulations:  
**ACTEX, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, BODA BING, C-LITES, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, TOUCH LITE, VIVA, WAX.**

If you have such a lighter, please stop using it and contact the Product Safety Office nearest you, and give them the location of the store from which you acquired it.

Consumers and retailers should buy only those lighters intended for the Canadian market. They will have a bilingual label, show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and have the required bilingual warning "Tenir hors de la portée des enfants-Keep out of reach of children."

For more information or to report a cigarette lighter incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

Burnaby (604) 666-5003  
Edmonton (780) 495-2626  
Calgary (403) 292-4677  
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502  
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490  
Hamilton (905) 572-2845  
Toronto (416) 973-4705  
Montréal (514) 283-5488  
Québec (418) 648-4327  
Moncton (506) 851-6638  
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2000-106  
October 27, 2000

## Warning

# Health Canada warns of possible dangers associated with certain disposable lighters

OTTAWA - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain brands of disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada.

Health Canada inspectors, with the assistance of Canada Customs, are refusing entry or seizing shipments of certain brands of lighters at border crossings and independent retailers.

These cigarette lighters are intended for the U.S. and do not meet Canadian safety requirements enforced by Health Canada. Most of these lighters are made in China.

The following brands of lighters are being seized:

ACTEX, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, C-LITES, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, TOUCH LITE, VIVA, WAX.



(Click on photos to enlarge.)

These lighters present fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to explode or leak gas when dropped; continue to burn when the trigger is released; explode or leak gas when exposed to heat; and, have excessive flame heights.

Health Canada is aware of a fatality in southwestern Ontario that may be associated with one of these brands of lighters.

Disposable cigarette lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labelling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. Consumers and retailers should buy only those lighters intended for the Canadian market. They will have a bilingual label, show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and have the required bilingual warning "Tenir hors de la portée des enfants-Keep out of reach of children."

Consumers who have suspect lighters should stop using them immediately and dispose of them in accordance with their local laws. Information about these laws are available from municipal government offices.

For more information or to report a cigarette lighter incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

<u>Telephone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Burnaby (604) 666-5003	Bby_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Edmonton (780) 495-2626	Edm_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Calgary (403) 292-4677	Cal_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
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Winnipeg (204) 983-5490	Del_Stitt@hc-sc.gc.ca
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**Letter to Importers of Lighters  
Without a Compliance History in Canada or  
With a Bad or Mixed Compliance History**

1997-08-07

Lighters for cigarettes, cigars and pipes that are sold, advertised and imported into Canada must meet the requirements for child-resistance, labelling and safe performance set out in the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations*. Section 4 (2) of the *Hazardous Products Act* the advertising, sale or importation of lighters that fail to meet the requirements of the Regulations. Every importer of lighters, therefore, bears the responsibility for ensuring that their lighters comply with the Regulations.

The Product Safety Bureau, therefore, advises that, as of October 1, 1997, lighters without a compliance history in Canada or with a bad or mixed compliance history will be held on entry to Canada until their compliance with the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations* can be established. Where importers provide the Product Safety Bureau with records that establish compliance with the performance standards and, where applicable, the child resistance standards, the lighters will be immediately released to the importer. Where records verifying compliance are not produced by the importer,

- a) "Made in China" lighters will be refused admission to Canada; and
- b) lighters without a compliance history or with a mixed compliance history will not be released to the importer until after they have been sampled and tested for compliance by the Environmental Health Directorate's Product Safety Laboratory, as time and resources permit.

"Made in China" lighters will be refused entry because, during the past two years, 100% of samples of marketed lighters manufactured in China have failed to meet the prescribed performance tests when tested by the Product Safety Laboratory. Therefore, importers of "Made in China" lighters should be prepared to provide proof of compliance with the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations*. The following is a list of the brand names of made in China lighters which failed the prescribed tests to date:

A/M (American Match), City Lites, Classic Gold, CLI-CLA, Comet, EVERGLIDE, Fupi, GQ, Janmor, Liberty Lites, LITZ, PUSH-LITE, Turbojet, ZPC Tigerbrand.

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For additional information about compliance with the *Regulations*, please contact a Product Safety Officer at the nearest Health Canada office:

Burnaby, BC (604) 666-5003	Hamilton, ON (905) 572-2845
Edmonton, AB (403) 495-2626	Longueuil, QC 1 800 561-3350
Calgary, AB (403) 292-4677	Sillery, QC (418) 648-4327
Saskatoon, Sask. (306) 975-4028	Moncton, NB (506) 851-6638
Winnipeg, MB (204) 983-2846	Dartmouth, NS (902) 426-8300
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# Warning

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1996-06  
January 24, 1996

## **HEALTH CANADA WARNS CANADIANS NOT TO USE C-LITES AND LIBERTY LITES LIGHTERS**

OTTAWA • The New York Lighter Company, Inc., in cooperation with Health Canada, is voluntarily recalling approximately three million C-Lites® child-resistant disposable lighters shipped to distributors in Canada since April 1995. A second brand of lighters destined for the US market and bearing the brand name Liberty Lites® may have found its way onto the Canadian market.

A number of both lighters tested exhibited sudden increases in flame height and failed to meet other requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. No injuries have been reported to Health Canada.

The brand name "C-LITES" or "Liberty Lites" is stamped on one side of the metal shield of these lighters, and the word "SNAPLOC" is stamped on the other side of the metal shield. The New York Lighter Company has contacted all of its distributors in Canada instructing them to immediately stop the sale of C-Lites lighters and to return existing stocks. The company is working with its supplier in China and with Health Canada to ensure that all future shipments of this product to Canada will comply with all applicable Canadian regulations.

Consumers already in possession of C-Lites or Liberty Lites lighters should dispose of them immediately in accordance with local laws.

Parents are reminded not to tamper with lighter child-resistant mechanisms. Child-resistant does not mean child-proof. To avoid a tragedy, lighters and matches must be kept out of sight and out of reach of young children.

For more information, consumers should contact

The New York Lighter Company's toll free number: 1-800-248-9548;

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RE: Petition CP 02-1, Proposed Consumer Product Safety Standard for Lighters

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

On behalf of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, I am writing in regard to a request for comments, published in the January 17, 2002 issue of the *Federal Register*, for petition CP 02-1 that proposes a consumer product safety standard for cigarette lighters. As child-play fire are the leading cause of residential fire-related death and injury among children ages 9 and under – and more than three-fourths of those fires were started by children playing with matches and lighters – the National SAFE KIDS Campaign is in full support of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) adopting the ASTM voluntary standard for lighters as a government-mandated safety performance standard.

Due to the unreasonable risks of injury created by many manufacturers' failure to comply with the existing ASTM voluntary standard, SAFE KIDS believes that the CPSC must act on the Lighter Association's petition. While SAFE KIDS commends the CPSC for its work to establish the child-resistant lighter standard, there is currently no overall regulation for the general production safety of disposable lighters. Since the child-resistant lighter standard has been in effect, the number of child-play lighter fires has declined 42 percent, and the number of deaths and injuries associated with these fires has declined 31 percent and 26 percent, respectively. Adoption of the ASTM standard will complement the child-resistant lighter standard as well as protect more children from the potential danger of lighters. In addition, as a growing number of children engage in fire-play activities, it is imperative that cigarette lighters be manufactured as safely as possible.

Furthermore, we have seen the notable proliferation of candles on the marketplace in recent years as well as their increase in use by teenage children. The rise in popularity of candles also raises the probability that lighters will also be present in the home – potentially heightening the risk of injury from these products to children and other family members. As fire and burns are the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 14 and under, we believe that a general performance standard for lighters will help prevent these incidents from occurring in the first place.

I am available to answer any questions that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission might have relating to our position. As always, the Campaign looks forward to working with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on this and other issues in the future.

Sincerely,

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